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THE MORRISTOWN GAZETTE.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 1883.

The Evening News, of Buffalo, publishes affidavits of shameful cruelties in the management of the Soldiers and Sailors Home at Bath.

A traveller purchased a round-trip ticket between Mobile and Niagara, and signed a contract that the return part must be stamped and the passenger's signature witnessed for identification at Niagara before it should be honored for passage. In an action for damages for being ejected on his return trip on account of his refusal to pay his fare (the return ticket not having been witnessed for identification according to contract), the St. Louis Court of Appeals held that he could have no recovery, for that the passenger had no opportunity to know the terms of the contract when he signed it, such an agreement as that set forth was binding.

THE OHIO DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

Nashville, Tenn., July 3.

The Democrats of Ohio have sounded the key note on the tariff. Nothing could be more concise, no language could be more explicit. There is nothing left in doubt. The meaning is as clear and simple as the English language can make it.

A tariff for revenue, limited to the necessities of the Government economically administered, and to prevent unequal burdens, to encourage productive industries at home, afford a just compensation to labor, but not to create or foster monopolies.

Readers of the *American* have seen for a year and more the struggle the free traders have made, and with what perfidy they have tried to handicap the Democratic party with the issue of a "tariff for revenue only." So fierce have the few journals and public men who claimed to lead the Democracy been in their warfare on any sort of protection to home industries, that many Democrats supposed they had long a break somewhere in the line, and that the National Democracy were about to divide on the tariff question.

The effort of the *American* has been to show that a "tariff for revenue only" was not Democratic doctrine. We have shown that it meant one or two things—an old revenue tariff, or if it did not mean this, that it was a duty on all imported goods alike, it was a tariff that the duty should be put on each article with due reference to revenue, and that whatever tariff or the article would bring most revenue must be laid, though it destroyed the home industry.

After the Kentucky convention the old music was set to a new tune, and we have something like the real of new converts crying for "reform." The little word "only" seems to have got misplaced in the excitement of the blue grass fury.

From the beginning of this controversy we have maintained that no more revenue should be collected—not one dollar—than was sufficient to support the Government economically administered, but that in levying this tariff, our home industries, as well as American labor, should be protected, and that this should be done by so adjusting the tariff on the different articles imported as to afford this protection.

We have time and again asked the free trade or tariff-revenue only advocates if they recognized or would recognize the right to adjust the tariff in levying it so as to protect home industries, and they have scouted all idea of such discrimination or adjustment. These gentlemen did not seem to understand that the Democracy of Ohio, even New York, could not hope to carry any of those States on a platform that made war on the great multitude of people engaged in the industrial pursuits which was to be destroyed by such a policy. Nor did they care to know that the farmers in Ohio, Indiana, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, would never submit to a policy which destroyed their home market, for it is a fact, that in all the States where the farmers have been diversified, the farmers are the most outspoken protectionists.

The Ohio platform is a "settler." The convention was the largest ever known there. Every prominent Democrat in the State, if not personally present, was voiced by somebody, and the result was the declaration, "Let the tariff be so adjusted in the application, as to prevent unequal burdens, encourage productive industries at home and afford a just compensation to labor." This is all any reasonable Democrat ought to want. It is sound Democratic doctrine; the doctrine of Washington, Madison, Jefferson, Jackson and Polk; it is protection to American labor and home industries; and all this can be done, as the platform indicates, without creating unequal burdens.

TALK WITH JUDGE HOLMAN.

WHAT HE THINKS OF THE SITUATION IN OHIO—INDIANA POLITICS.

Judge W. S. Holman, of the Fourth Indiana District, was in the city yesterday, and despite the inevitable "I object," he was interviewed by a *News* reporter. When it was remarked that his kindly, blue-eyed and amiable countenance did not mark him as the Cerberus of the Treasury, the Judge blushing admitted that he was "a mild-mannered man as ever cut short a debate or scuttled a job, but argued that he really did not deserve his reputation as a chronic objector, since he had passed whole congressional sessions without objecting himself into a row. This he attributed to the fact that he never objected for the mere sake of objecting.

"What of the Ohio campaign?" put in the reporter.

"The nomination of Leadley is an admirable one—the very best that could have been made. He is not only a man of great ability, but he is pre-eminently the representative of the Democratic side of the issues upon which the campaign must be fought. Better still, he is the representative, not of faction, but of the whole party. Then again, you may count on a full vote before and in that case Ohio Democrats would probably find themselves in a minority, unless they should draw votes from the minority, which Hoody, above all others, will be able to do."

"How about the tariff issue?"

"The Democrats appear to me to have decidedly the advantage in that issue as set forth in the platform, and with the Republican dissatisfaction in the wool-growing districts, Democrats having nothing to fear from that direction."

"And the liquor issue?"

"The Democrats have declared in favor of a license. That is the Democratic common sense way of regulating the traffic, and it has certainly worked well wherever tried. The prohibitionists will not vote for the Republicans, and I should think the Democrats would come out on top in that contest. By the way, I was glad to see the convention take the stand it did on civil service reform, against which there has been so unfair a fight raised in some quarters. The party committed itself to such a reform in State and National conventions for years past. I confess that I do not expect the civil service law to bring on the millennium at once, but it ought to have a fair trial, and its effects should not be misinterpreted."

It is not a word in the bill to justify the charge that it gives the present occupant a perpetual grip on the offices. It simply provides for filling vacancies, and in no way interferes with the removing power. There is nothing in the civil service law to prevent the turning out of all the office-holders. I admit that the rule providing that each vacancy shall be filled by one of three applicants returned by the board of examiners puts it in the power of Republicans to fill the offices with their friends so long as the administration is in their hands; but when the Democrats come into power the same rule will reward to their advantage. I regretted that the bill did not go further and regulate salaries. Many holders of Federal offices are paid two or three times as much as the same services demand in private business; and then there are thousands drawing big salaries from the Government and rendering little or no services at all. I verily believe that an economical and honest administration of the Government could and would dispense with one-third of the 100,000 office-holders now eating up the revenues wrung from the people."

"What of Indiana politics?"

"Our general election does not come off until next November a year. Nothing of special interest has yet come to the surface. I will say, however, that the result in Indiana depends almost to a certainty upon that in Ohio. The preliminary examination of the Rev. Ben Jenkins and his brother, charged with the shooting of the Rev. Mr. Borden, President of the Female College in this place, was resumed to day at 4 p. m. The defense announced, after full and mature consultation they would submit the case without further testimony or argument. The State then called John Pugh, Esq., to prove that he saw three persons in the alley running from the side door of Williams & Hubbard's store at the time of the shooting. Col. Pegues, witness for the defense, on Saturday evening testified that there were only two, the pursued and the pursuer, which would tend to break down the testimony of J. R. Williams, who testified that he followed Borden and Jenkins into the little alley and saw Jenkins fire the fatal shot into Borden's head, he being the only witness who testified to Ned Jenkins actually shooting. If the defense were able to destroy Williams' testimony that he was in the alley and could see the last shot, they would be able to release Ned Jenkins for any complicity in the shooting other than was shown by his own statement, that he fired into Borden's head, which was evidently made under great excitement. The State's counsel said only a dozen or so words and submitted the case. Judge Logan held the defendants B. P. and C. E. Jenkins to answer the charge of murder, and to answer the charge of murder, and to answer the charge of murder."

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ONE OF THE VERY FIRST LIVING LAWYERS.

From the Philadelphia Record.

Just before the Supreme Court adjourned Chief Justice Waite said of an argument made in the case of the States of New York and New Hampshire against the State of Louisiana: "This is the finest legal argument I ever heard."

And Associate Justice Miller, who took his seat on the Supreme bench in 1862, and, therefore, antedates all the others, said: "I concur in that opinion."

The man who made the argument was John A. Campbell, of New Orleans. He was a member of the Supreme Court of the United States when the most famous of his present associates were unknown. He held his place until the war broke out, and then he left the Union and the bench with his life. He reappeared after the war as a member of the Supreme Court bar with a remarkable practice, even for that bar of large practices and great fees, and has stood in the front rank ever since.

He is a very old man. His form is thin and bent, his skin is as white as the driven snow; but a great mild light looks out through his keen bright eye, and a great soul controls his fragile body. He is a lawyer to the core—in the sense of the wisest, broadest, deepest, and most learned in the United States. He has neither the presence, voice, nor tongue of the orator, but when he speaks in his deliberate, measured tones, never wasting a word, the Supreme Court of the United States listens as if it listened to almost no other man. Mr. Campbell is almost a century old. He has no eyeglasses for anything or anybody not immediately concerned in the case in hand.

He lives very quietly in New Orleans surrounded by one of the finest law libraries in all languages in the world. He is a profound civil lawyer, with Justinian at his tongue's end, and at the same time a common lawyer, competent to battle with the best of that class. His memory is as wonderful as George Bancroft's. He apparently remembers every scrap of law he ever saw or heard, and he has his resources so classified and catalogued that he can bring them forth at will. This is what makes his dry, monotonous arguments so well worthy of the praise great lawyers give them. Flowery tropes and magnificent metaphors would be out of place with such learning.

Mr. Campbell is "well to do," and practices only because he loves the work. He practices only in the Supreme Court. He takes none but great cases. He takes only three or four in a year, at a fee of \$5,000 to \$25,000 apiece. Now and then he gives an opinion on some great question to some less learned lawyer, or to some inquiring Judge who feels his deficiency and seeks this powerful "friend of the court." But all minor cases, that is, cases involving minor questions, whether the amount of the fees involved be great or small, are promptly declined.

Once retained in a case Mr. Campbell becomes a cyclone. When he emerges from his books he has absorbed that case with all its bearings, either of his own side or the other. You may be quite sure that when he has said his say he has said all there is to say on either side, and that the Court will generally agree with him. If I were on the other side, no matter how great I might be or how great my case might be, I would do well to submit the case without argument. Judge Campbell would state both sides as well as though he were still on the bench, and the Judge would agree with him any way.

THE SHOOTING OF MR. BORDEN.

THE REV. BEN JENKINS AND HIS BROTHER HELD FOR MURDER WITHOUT BAIL.

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